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RELEASABLE FROM SSO CHANNELS.

SSOS PASS TO APPROPRIATE TCOS. CITE NPIC 2517.

Grace (File)

REFERENCE: SAC TCO 64-E-869

NPIC HAS EXAMINED ALL AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHY (TO INCLUDE EXCEL-
L-ENT STEREO COVERAGE FROM MISSION 1004-2) OF THE REPORTED PROBABLE
UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST SITE AT 40-50N 88-59E, CITED IN THE ABOVE
REFERENCED CABLE, AND MAKES THE FOLLOWING EVALUATION.

1. THE THREE CONSTRUCTION SITES CITED CAN ONLY BE IDENTIFIED
AS SCARRING ACTIVITY, WHICH MAY POSSIBLY BE ASSOCIATED WITH GEOLO-
GICAL PROSPECTING OR ROCK REMOVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES ELSE-
WHERE.

2. THERE IS NO SIMILARITY OF APPEARANCE BETWEEN THIS SITE AND
UNDERGROUND TEST SITES 1 AND 2 AT SEMIPALATINSK, USSR, WITH THE
POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF TERRAIN SIMILARITIES. THE SOVIET UNDERGROUND
SITES HAVE ASSOCIATED TUNNELING ACTIVITIES AND ADEQUATE CLOSE-UP
SUPPORT FACILITIES TO CARRY ON UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST OPERATIONS.
NO TUNNELING ACTIVITIES WERE OBSERVED AT THIS SITE, AND THE PROBABLE

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SUPPORT FACILITIES OBSERVED ARE NOT CONSIDERED ADEQUATE FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST OPERATIONS.

BASED ON THE ABOVE OBSERVATIONS IT IS CONCLUDED THAT ALTHOUGH THIS ACTIVITY IS SITUATED RELATIVELY NEAR THE PROBABLE MAIN SUPPORT AREA OF THE LOP NOR POSSIBLE NUCLEAR TEST SITE, IT CANNOT BE PRESENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTING.

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